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Service Bulletin

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Product Family: 986101 Lawn Edger

Subject: 03729851 Cutter Head Spindle

Dealer Action: Inspect and Repair as Needed

Model	Serial Number Range	Description
986101	001337 – 004809	Lawn Edger

Ariens Company has learned that the gusset weld on the cutter head spindle (p/n 03729851) used on the 986101 Lawn Edger in the above-listed serial number range may not have adequate penetration to support the blade guard mounting flange. These welds have the potential to fail prematurely, causing the guard mounting flange to break.

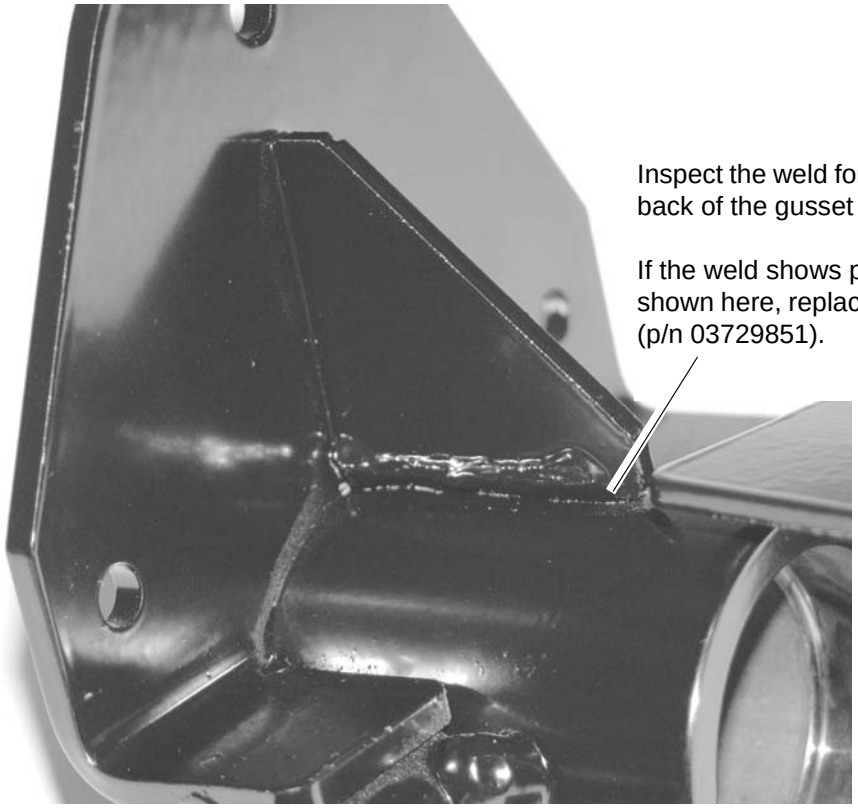
Ariens Company has changed the welding process on this part to improve weld consistency and ensure proper support for the flange.

Dealers should replace the cutter head spindle p/n 03729851 on all unsold inventory of Lawn Edger 986101 before putting the machine into service.

For units that are already sold, whenever the machines come in for any service or maintenance of any kind, inspect the gusset weld at the location identified in the illustration on page 2. If the weld shows signs of inadequate penetration, replace the cutter head spindle.

Units that are outside the serial number range listed here do not need to be inspected or have their cutter head spindles replaced.

Dealers who replace a cutter head spindle p/n 03729851 should file a warranty claim using flat rate code 86103. Dealers will be reimbursed at their standard shop labor rate for 0.5 hours of labor. This parts replacement is covered under warranty while the unit is within the standard warranty period.



Inspect the weld for good penetration on the back of the gusset along the spindle.

If the weld shows poor penetration, as shown here, replace the cutter head spindle (p/n 03729851).